

Senate Resolution 832

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Appalachian Studies Association and recognizing March 19, 2010, as
2 Byron Herbert Reece Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Studies Association was formed in 1977 by a group of
4 scholars, teachers, and regional activists who believed in the importance of a shared
5 community for those writing, researching, and teaching about Appalachia; and

6 WHEREAS, on March 19-20, 2010, the Appalachian Studies Association will host hundreds
7 of scholars from across this country during their 33rd annual conference, entitled *Engaging*
8 *Communities*, at North Georgia College and State University; and

9 WHEREAS, during the conference, Young Harris College and the Byron Herbert Reece
10 Society will be sponsoring a reception in honor of acclaimed author, Byron Herbert Recce;
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12 WHEREAS, Byron Herbert Reece authored two novels and four books of poetry with finely
13 crafted ballads and lyrics that celebrated the life and heritage of the Blue Ridge Mountains;
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15 WHEREAS, a native of Union County, Georgia, Byron Herbert Reece was publishing poems
16 in the Blairsville newspaper by the age of 15 and attended Young Harris College; and

17 WHEREAS, during his career, this exceptionally talented writer was nominated for a Pulitzer
18 Prize, earned two Guggenheim awards, and served as writer in residence at the University
19 of California at Los Angeles, Emory University, and Young Harris College; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2001, Byron Herbert Reece was inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of
21 Fame, and his enduring body of poetry and fiction are enjoyed by countless readers today;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Studies Association's annual conference is the ideal and fitting
24 event to honor the literary master and Georgia son, Byron Herbert Recce.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 extend sincere best wishes to the Appalachian Studies Association for a successful
27 conference and recognize March 19, 2010, as Byron Herbert Reece Day.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Appalachian Studies Association.